

ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION CENTER

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Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to Bar, Washington, D.C., 2001; Admitted to Bar, Maryland, 1988; MA Dev. Econ., University of London (SOAS), 1980; J.D., Stanford University, 1977; B.A., SC Laude-French, University of North Carolina, 1971.

LANGUAGES

English, French, Italian and Spanish. (Reading comprehension of Arabic, German and Russian; limited oral Arabic, German and Russian).

PRESENT POSITION

Private International Business Practice.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Attorney specialized in international business law at Wolf, Arnold & Cardoso, P.C. (Washington, DC).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

American Bar Association (ABA), member of sections on arbitration and on international business;

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Approved attorney and arbitrator of the American International Business Council, which furnishes American attorney candidates for arbitration matters to the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Internet Law;

International contracts: licensing of intellectual property; Intellectual property misappropriation and infringement; Copyright law;

Visual arts law:

Transnational litigation.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Currently counsel to a number of computer and software companies; Has represented computer and software companies in arbitration of disputes; Diplomat and negotiator for the U.S.A. relating to intellectual property negotiations in various Arab countries.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Editor, Stanford Journal of International Law, 1976; Editor, Access to Justice, Ford Foundation Study, 1976; Author of US State Department Report on Human Rights in Lebanon, 1982-1983 and The United Arab Emirates, 1989-1991.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

San Francisco Courts, with the firm of Morrison & Foerster, 1975; Co-litigation with UK barristers while at Coudert Frères in London, 1978-79; Civil rights litigation in Charlotte, North Carolina, 1979-1980; Coordinating litigation in the U.S.A. and Italy, 1991-present.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Mediation and negotiating training at the Foreign Service Institute of the United States Diplomatic Corps, Washington, DC;

WIPO Training Program on Arbitration/Mediation in Intellectual Property Disputes 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Ten years (1981-1991) as United States Diplomat;

Middle East specialist in political and economic affairs (participated in Israeli/Lebanese/ USA treaty negotiations after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982);

Swiss-based mediation now court litigation involving Italian/Turkish companies.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Wide diplomatic experience (negotiated compensation for families of victims of Iran Air passenger jet shot down in 1988);

UK-based petroleum trading arbitration - 1995 to present (LMAA);

ICC International business arbitration as co-ordinator in three member panel (1999-ongoing);

Participated in February 2000 trademark online arbitration under ICANN Rules.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Туре	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitration s	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co- arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations	ICC				1	
	LMAA	1				1
	Ad Hoc	5			5	
	US Government	5			5	
Number of cases: Sub-total		11			10	1
Domestic Arbitrations						
Number of cases: Sub-total						
TOTAL		11			11	1

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Туре	Administering Institution		Role		
	Name	Number of Mediations	Mediator	Counsel	
International Mediations					
	Ad Hoc	2		2	
	Others:				
Number of cases: sub-total		2		2	
Domestic Mediations					
Number of cases: sub-total					
TOTAL		2		2	